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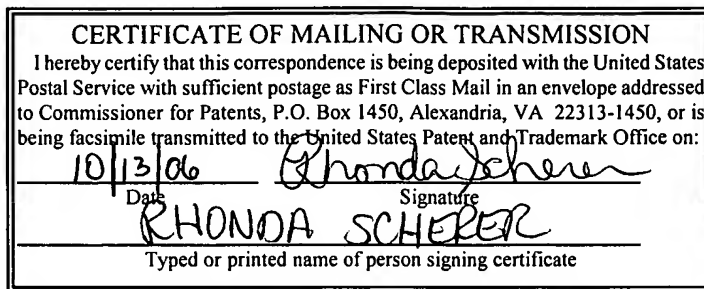
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Title: COMPOSITE GAS SEPARATION MODULES HAVING INTERMEDIATE
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- ☐ The listed references were cited in the enclosed International Search Report in a counterpart foreign application.
- ☐ The "concise explanation" requirement (non-English references) for references [] under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) is satisfied by:
- ☐ the explanation provided on the attached sheet.
- ☐ the explanation provided in the Specification.
- ☐ submission of the enclosed International Search Report.
- ☐ submission of the enclosed English-language version of a foreign Search Report and/or foreign Office Action.
- ☐ the enclosed English language abstract.

- ☐ Applicant requests that the following Provisional Patent Application, now abandoned, be considered with the referenced published utility application, listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, to which priority is claimed.

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- ☐ A copy of each above-cited application, including the current claims, is enclosed, except any application filed on or after June 30, 2003, which has been scanned into the PTO's Image File Wrapper (IFW) system and is available to the examiner.
- ☐ A copy of the above-cited provisional application, now abandoned, is enclosed.

The Examiner is requested to return a copy of the above list of pending applications indicating which references were considered with the next office communication.

It is requested that the information disclosed herein be made of record in this application.


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	AC5	US 2003/0190486 A1	10/09/2003	Roa, <i>et al.</i>
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